

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1395-96 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Chizek amendment is adopted. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Ashford would have the opportunity to lay the bill over or take it up at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We'll take it up.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members, I'm offering this kill motion because I do not like a gun control bill. I think with a gun control bill we're punishing the honest guy, and we're letting the criminal or felon go scot-free. This isn't going to stop crime and killing in Nebraska. Omaha has all kinds of gun control bills, all kinds of gun control laws. Washington, D.C. has all kinds of gun control laws, and what's happening in these cities? Crime isn't diminishing, it's increasing. Study after study, including those by the U.S. Department of Justice, have proven that criminals do not obtain guns from legitimate sources. If you have a gun control bill, they go to the underground. Within hours of being released from prison, felons expect to be able to obtain guns through existing illegal black markets. These markets can and should be shut down and dried up, but this gun control bill that we're talking about today won't do that. Again, I say why punish the innocent person and require them to get a gun permit or a gun certificate. And not only do they have to...and they do have to do it under this amendment, they do have to have that renewed every year. Do we really believe or expect criminals to apply for a permit such as this, as required in this bill, or to transfer, or purchase a handgun? Does anyone in this body really believe that criminals will get these permits? Let's not kid ourselves, this isn't going to happen, and this is the reason why I'm offering a kill motion on this bill. A majority of states, and the U.S. Congress have rejected gun control